

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1-15. (cancelled)

16. (previously presented) A method for establishing a transcoder-free operation connection between two communication terminals in a communication network, comprising:

checking in a radio network controller, upon receipt of a request from a switching unit relating to use of at least one subset of at least one codec mode configuration for establishment of a transcoder-free operation connection, whether the at least one requested subset is supported by the radio network controller;

if the at least one subset of the at least one codec mode configuration is supported by the radio network controller, establishing a transcoder-free operation connection to the switching unit and a communication terminal and restricting a codec mode configuration to be used for transmission of data to the subset; and

signaling, from the radio network controller to the communication terminal, at least one message relating to the subset of the at least one codec mode configuration to be used for transmission of data.

17. (previously presented) A method according to claim 16, wherein at least a part of at least one message relating to the at least one codec mode configuration to be used with at least two codec modes is signaled from the radio network controller to the communication terminal for the transmission of data in an uplink direction.

18. (previously presented) A method according to claim 17, further comprising signaling from the radio network controller to the communication terminal at least a further part of at least one message relating to the at least one subset of the at least one codec mode configuration to be used for the transmission of data in the uplink direction.

19. (previously presented) A method according to claim 18, wherein the radio network controller supports all subsets of a supported codec mode configuration.

20. (previously presented) A method according to claim 19, wherein the transcoder-free operation connection is established from the radio network controller to the communication terminal using a codec mode configuration supported by the radio network controller.

21. (previously presented) A method according to claim 20, wherein the codec mode configuration represents a combination of at least two codec modes.

22. (previously presented) A method according to claim 21, wherein the communication network is a cellular mobile radio network.

23. (previously presented) A method according to claim 22, wherein a radio resource control signaling is used by the radio network controller for signaling to the communication terminal.

24. (previously presented) A method according to claim 23, wherein a mobile radio terminal, mobile computer and/or mobile organizer is used as the communication terminal.

25. (previously presented) A radio network controller for establishing a transcoder-free operation connection between two communication terminals in a communication network having a switching unit and mobile network units, comprising:

send and receive units communicating with the mobile network units; and

at least one processing unit checking a request sent from the switching unit relating to use of a subset of a codec mode configuration for establishment of a transcoder-free operation connection to determine whether the requested subset is supported by the radio network controller, establishing a transcoder-free operation connection to the switching unit if the subset of the codec mode configuration is supported by said radio network controller, restricting a codec mode configuration to be used for transmission of data to the subset, and signaling a message relating to the subset of the codec mode configuration to be used for the transmission of data via said send unit to a communication terminal included among the mobile network units.

26. (previously presented) A radio network controller according to claim 25, wherein said radio network controller signals at least a part of at least one message relating to the codec mode configuration to be used with at least two codec modes for the transmission of data in an uplink direction to the communication terminal.

27. (previously presented) A radio network controller according to claim 26, wherein said radio network controller signals at least a further part of at least one message relating to the at least one subset of the codec mode configuration to be used for the transmission of data in the uplink direction to the communication terminal.

28. (previously presented) A radio network controller according to claim 27, wherein the communication network is a cellular mobile radio network.

29. (previously presented) A radio network controller according to claim 28, wherein the mobile network units include at least one of a mobile radio terminal, a mobile computer and a mobile organizer.

30. (previously presented) A device according to claim 29, wherein the codec mode configuration is a combination of at least two codec modes.

31. (previously presented) A method according to claim 16, wherein a Transport Combination Control Message (TCCM) is used by the radio network controller for signaling to the communication terminal.